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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Michael Pauletto
I&P Investments
10517 NE 50th Ave.
Vancouver, WA 98686

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Mr. Pauletto:

On April 3, 2007, you were notified by this office that an infestation of cheatgrass had occurred on the Clarks Basin Quarry area. Approximately 2.5 acres of recontoured quarry and 0.5 acres of recontoured access road were found to have cheatgrass on nearly all areas disturbed by your mining activities.

We requested that the cheatgrass be controlled and that you contact this office for the proper method for control before the cheatgrass had a chance to mature and seed out. We have not received any response from you as of the date of this letter regarding controlling cheatgrass at the quarry location.

On April 27, 2007 the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining issued you a Division Directive to Control Cheatgrass Infestations for control of cheatgrass at the location.

Because we did not receive a response back to our letter within a reasonable time and because of the immediate environmental concern with the cheatgrass, personnel from this office sprayed the site with Roundup on May 6, 2007. An additional herbicide application may be necessary early this fall as well depending upon site conditions. This area will need to be seeded in late fall with a Forest Service approved certified weed free seed mix.

A check of the BLM LR2000 shows that all claims held by I&P Investments have been closed by the BLM.

The Forest Service cost for controlling cheatgrass:

Roundup	= \$169.99
GS-11 Site Visit 6 hours x 37.50/hour	= \$225
GS-5 Site Visit/Weed Spraying 8 hours	= <u>\$120</u>
	\$514.99

We request that within 30 days of the date of this letter that the Forest Service be reimbursed \$514.99 for controlling the cheatgrass. If we do not receive a response within the 30 days, we may take action to take a portion of the reclamation bond not only to cover the cost of cheatgrass control but for seeding this fall and any other reclamation costs associated with closing this plan



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If you have any questions or comments, please contact Steve Flock, Minerals Management Specialist at the above address or telephone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott Nannenga".

SCOTT C. NANNENGA
Minidoka District Ranger

cc. Lynn Kunzler
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